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1. "IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SECOND REBEL INVASION OF SHABA,"PRESIDENT CARTER'S SEVERE WARNING TO THE SOVIET UNION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH PAST U.S. ATTITUDE IN THE FACE OF SOVIET MOVES IN AFRICA", ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT EDITOR NTOTO WAKU IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL MAY 30. HE POINTS OUT THAT "MODERATE" AFRICA HAS MANY TIMES EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE, AND THAT IT WENT AS FAR AS EXPRESSING THE FEAR THAT THE U.S. MIGHT, IN THE NAME OF DETENTE, ABANDON AFRICA INTO THE HANDS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

2. NTOTO WAKU BELIEVES THAT AFRICA'S FEARS ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE WHEN THE FORCES OF THE SOVIET-CUBAN COALITION ATTACKED ZAIRE TWICE, THE U.S. FAILED TO PROVE, THROUGH CONCRETE ACTION, ITS SOLIDARITY WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES LIKE ZAIRE. HE URGES PRESIDENT CARTER TO WORK TOWARD THE REMOVAL OF CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN MILITARY AID, AS MR. CARTER HAS HIMSELF PROMISED. THE EDITORIAL STRESSES THAT AFRICA IS NOT ASKING THE U.S. TO PLAY ONCE AGAIN "THE ROLE OF WORLD GENDARME WHICH IT HAS FORTUNATELY CEASED TO PLAY," NOR IS AFRICA "ASKING THE U.S. TO  
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OVERLOOK FLAGRANT CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS."

3. "ALL WE ARE ASKING IS FOR THE U.S. TO COOPERATE SINCERELY WITH AFRICA, IN HAPPY TIMES AS WELL AS IN DIFFICULT TIMES AND TO BE A SURE FRIEND ON WHICH WE CAN COUNT, AND THAT IS WHAT AFRICA WISHES MOST", CONCLUDES COMMENTARY. ITEM.  
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